## House of Harper Soon to Quit Historic Franklin Square

## Proposal of Publishing Firm to Move number of other similarly pleasing seems and the good clergyman seems After Nearly a Century Recalls Many Interesting Traditions

Eighth avenue, the district which But finally it was determined that street intersects Park row, and the life and business in the same spot.

Square the locality was famous both finally was torn down in 1856. in this country and across the ocean. Two doors below the Franklin house purveying the water to the more dis-William Walton, a merchant, erected at 7 Cherry street stood the house tant homes known as Queen street, his home, in 1752. As a structure it was the finest the city had ever known, and so rich were its furnishings and so splendid master regaled his fellow townsmen that their fame spread to London. They were cited as a proof that American colonists were wealthy, and when the colonies protested against the Stamp act, the Walton house, its splendor and the magnificence of its the argument that the colonies could reasonably resist the tax on the score ot financial inability. The mansion stood as late as 1881, having by that time become a cheap tenement, but still retaining traces of its former

Just across the square from the Harper building is Cherry Hill, once famous, first, for its picturesque beauty and its rare fruit trees, later as the centre of the city's wealth and fashion, and still later for the sordid contrast with what it once was. At the foot of this hill, where its gentle slope met the East River, one Richard Sacket, an Englishman and a maltster, built a large house for himself and covered the incline with rows on rows of cherry trees.

They were among the first to be planted in this country, and it was thought by many that they could not climate. But they did both, and their beauty and rarity brought so many sightseers to what was then a country district that the malster gave up his business and turned his house and orchard into a place of entertainment for the city folk, calling it Cherry Garvide a burial place for the fast growing city, and still later was covered by the houses of the well to do, which gave place at last to tenements.

For long years, after the middle of the last century, the Cherry Hill neighborhood was distinctly an Irish quarter of the city, filled with the first and second generations of people from the Emerald Isle. It was there and thereabout that Ned Harrigan of Harrigan and Hart, himself a product of a simfound and idealized, as Dickens did his London characters, the living people with whom he filled his songs and plays. "Paddy Duffy's Cart." "The illigan Guards" and his other songs these people, who lived them as they

the elegance, the splendor and the dig-nity that were once its characteristics.

ent Vice-President Adams, Gov. Clinton, John Jay, Chief Justice of the making a new flag. When it was finished the names of all the ladies were few American books and Moustier, Spanish Minister Gardogai, Moustier, Spanish Minister Gardogai, Chief Speaker Munt St. Clair, Speaker Munt St. Clair,

Washington himself said grace "and Bridge". New York ever had. It the company dired upon a leg of boiled spanned the small stream fed by mutton," one viand being the severe Jacob's Well, a spring which still ex- Island was not then within easy reach most incredible, but it is a fact that a policeman noticed James Harper "When their commanders protested sert the guests were served with a walk, sceping away into the surround- the people, as they do to-day, along he needed for his personal expenses room and suggested that he go outquest taking his departure at his con-venience and without formality." Swamp.
"While crossing the Kissing Bridge,"

same family name with which it made tend to the business of the nation in of which was later bought by the will probably be somewhere in the taries riding blooded horses in ad- water.

seems now to have become the centre Cherry Hill was too far out of the city Battery no good drinking water was of the publishing business. But it is to be convenient and Washington re- to be had, and the Croton had not yet probable that before the removal takes moved to the McComb mansion on been tapped for the city's benefit. place the house of Harper will have Broadway just below Trinity Church. The water from the Tea Water Pump fully rounded out its full century of The house he occupied, which was was cool, sweet and sparkling, and three stories high and built of brick. from all the nearby houses people Long before the Harper brothers with an imposing entrance, afterward came to fill their pails for the cup and established themselves on Franklin became a bank, then a tenement and the table.

have visited them all, for he tells to have visited them an in-of passing over a number of them, though modestly refraining from sayof the privilege they conferred.

Only a few blocks distant from HE firm of Harper & Brothers, the famous publishing house, the oldest in its line in New tions.

We alth was necessary to obtain either Franklin Square stood the stately home of Col. Rutgers, where Lafayette was entertained in 1824, and a little to York, perhaps the oldest in the From there Washington walked the south was the Bouwerle, or home United States conducted still under the some times, but mostly drove, to at- farm, of the Beekman family, a part its beginning, is about to remove Federal Hall, at Broad and Wull Roosevelt family. And just a little from the historic Franklin Square; streets. And when he drove his prog- way north and west, still on Pearl from the locality where its plant was tess was in the nature of a royal street, which even in the time of the established a hundred years ago, lack-ing a bare twelvementh. So soon as and his coach never had less than four oughfares of New York, was the old lequate quarters can be obtained the horses to it, and usually six, with foot- Tea Water Pump, famous even in transfer will be made. Its new home men and outriders, and his two secre- England for the excellence of its

Between the place where Pearl ing individual hit upon the scheme of



Above -- James Harper. Below-John Harper.

parade to celebrate the opening of the Erie Canal. He wrote to Jane Freelove Lyon, daughter of Peter Lyon, the justice of the peace before whom Major Andre was brought after his capture, proposing marriage to the seventeen-year-old girl and sugbut in which the former is not ungesting that if she accepted she should mixed with the latter, toward your appear at a certain window along the ine of march. She was there and long enough to give three hearty may be far more serious than that.

creased they found it impossible to clans are not to be trusted. It is attend to it by hand, so they bought a rather curious to note that in the white horse, stalled him in the cellar British mind distinct differentiation is and at 7 o'clock every morning hitched made between the people of America him to a beam that operated an upright shaft, drove him about in a circle and so ran their presses in the room When he grew too old for the job they had him lifted out of the cellar and sent to the old farm at Newturned, and turned him out to pasture for a comfortable old age. One mornhappened to look toward the pasture at 7 o'clock and there he saw the old horse go to a tree in the middle of the lot and walk about it in a circle. The

the shop with him. In later years, when both had become famous, Weed by 1825 and so moved to Cliff street, used often to tell how young Harper, Theirs was even then the largest book The brothers needed larger quarters and he by beginning early and staying | manufacturing establishment in Amerlate could earn as much as \$14 in one ica and they needed two buildings, week, which was not bad pay when good which they took on the site of the a month. Harper's homespun clothes Only one of the Harpers ever held and cowhide boots won him many a public office, as none of the others jest from his fellows and only on one ever had political aspirations. James occasion was he known to show re- was elected Mayor of New York on the sentment. This time he used his cow- American Republican ticket in April. lad's tailor-made garment, saying: then had a considerable number of low "There. Some day when I am out grog shops that were a scandal.

of my time and you are looking for a Within a week after his inauguration job come to me and I'll give it to you." the worst of them were closed, hack-Nearly forty years afterward when men who had terrorized the city were Then came the evil days when gangs made the place almost as unsafe for the first in New York to be lighted by of hogsheads. Not less than 216 hogs-

A few years after James began his Dickens and other authors indeed shoulder each other on Water, Dover and the houses and sell their feet deep.

A few years after James began his Dickens and other authors indeed work his brother John also came to wrote about the pigs that rooted their their wads" if by chance wads remained to them after their escape from the harpies that leered at them from open cellar doors.

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Meantime, the house of Harper's ways without your actual entrance into never will occur." grew. By 1853 it had become the largest publishing house in the world, "We upheld them, I believe, in the views upon the questions of American to the extraordinary conductive with regard to the British President has taken. that of Brockhaus, in Leipzig, ranking instance of your war with Spain, procedure with regard to the British President has taken. next. It occupied five five story build- thereby doing more than you have blockade of German ports?" I asked. ings on Cliff street and six on Pearl done during our war with Germany. street, covering exactly the ground At that time I was in charge of Egypt legal question for me to discuss," was strength might have area that is now occupied by the du- and when the Spanish fleet came, anx- Lord Cromer's answer. "But there Presidential attitude. plex structure it is soon to abandon, lous to pass through the Suez Canal, cannot be the slightest doubt of our "De you feel the sas In December of that year, however, on the way to the Philippines, Euro- necessities and duties in the case. We about the ultimate puts

some repairs lighted his lamp and question which occurred to me. I was looked about for a place to throw the not a lawyer, being indeed ill versed match. Near by was a pan filled with in the delicacies of that profession, But to right and closed to wrong. what looked like water, but was really England and the United States were

scross the bridges that span for the prosecution of the business.

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England's Defeat Our Defeat, Is View of Aged Lord Cromer Famous British Statesman Admits His ORD CROMER believes that a

deep resentment on the part of England toward the United States must be admitted. He saw me in his London library, an apartment filled with books and entered through a hallway lined with books. One or two points in our talk required book reference and to these references he turned easily, without the slightest hesitation either as to the position of the volumes on the many helves or as to the location in the volumes of the precise passages which he wished to find. I had heard about his library and his familiarity with it but was not prepared for such an ex-hibition of his knowledge of books.

After his long and wholly useful life of constructive effort for his country seemed astonishingly vigorous to me, but he assured me that he had retired from everything akin to active ife before the outbreak of the war and that our talk was an emergence which he had never thought to make from the contemplative seclusion in which he had intended to spend the

rest of his days.

We talked about the war of course and his opinions were to me especially impressive because surely his life has been one to give him breadth of vision. and because his knowledge of our country, which became intimate at the time of our civil war, when he spent some weeks with the Northern forces. sympathetic and usually approving in-

"There is not the slightest doubt in my mind," he said gravely, "that in States and Great Britain are essentially identical. We stand for everything which you regard as the essential principles of government-free institutions, liberty of the individual and all the rest. Our defeat in this war would be your defeat, for it would be defeat not only of Great Britain but of these principles.

"This being the fact it is with deep regret that I must acknowledge the mixed with the latter, Government. It is difficult to say how deep seated this resentment may be Harper's company stopped the parade It may be merely on the surface or it

"Certainly the average intelligent Englishman feels that your politiish critics of your governmental policies do not distrust your people.

"No one in Great Britain expected the United States to take part in the war. Every thoughtful person be our side that you have not joined in it. But we make a curious differing, it is said, Mr. Harper, the father, ence, as I have said, between your Government and your people and genwould have been glad to join. have believed and still believe the we feel hampered by the attitude of some of these Americans who now at Washington chance to represent

those real Americans. in prestige and morals to have been tremendous through the course which you have taken. We believe your President should not have raised the President should not have raised the many questions regardles. mere excuses for delaying just and people to the point of sacrificing the dent will do America more honorable action with regard to us best interests of the whole?

good order of a nation similar to that "Men like President Emeritus Eliot Can you doubt that your thin good order of a nation similar to that "Men like President Emeritus Eliot come next and be delayed which Germany has made within your of Harvard, Prof. Church and a score ing except Germany's next boundaries; yet the resentment of of others have done much to keep our time for preparation for these outrages seems to be confined friendship and our admiration for you ... The people have are yet

the whole plant was destroyed by fire in a few hours, though without the strongly pro-Spanish and in favor of "What Germany calls the freedom "Absolutely none." Let

The whole place was crowded with deed, it was by my unrelenting orders the seven succeeding days. mis for the in the printing business, house was singularly free from the in- combustible material, and the flames that they took out of their holds much

limit, but this with full knowledge that

"That was not a breach of neutrality very puzzling. in your favor, but it was an interpre-

President, doubtless is a very learned America in 1865 still lives it must may prove to be a futile one

Countrymen Are Resentful Over America's Official Neutrality



Lord Cromer.

Since Lord Cromer gave the accompanying interview to Mr. Mat shall, President Wilson has taken a decided stand on one question he mentions, the destruction of neutral lives by German submarines. That this will not be without its effect on the anti-American sentiment Lord Cromer finds in England cannot be doubted.

and high minded man. I have no hesi- have been both shamed and outrage tation in admitting that he probably by this failure. is far better versed than I was in the minutise of international law. But of Grant's great army fifty years ago study of his course during this general it was made up of fine fellows. European war would lead one to be- was immensely struck by its pay Heve that had he been placed as I was chology of justice and determination placed he scarcely would have acted They were filled with the spirit

German diplomats have been fooling undeniable propriety. "While the average intelligent Eng- him, or, as we say, 'gammoning' him. "They were your people then art lishman believes it to have been far it may be that we fall, however, to a better people never lived. I have better for our side that you have not take sufficiently full account of the not visited your country since large element of German origin blood but I remain entirely confident

many questions regarding the course But there, again, arises a grave temained quiescent after the Course

and self-respecting action toward our "If public opinion here judged your chology than anything which "So has grown up a very evident im- its President I fear it would judge you have no thought that American press and have no thought that American affairs at present at this time of the the public utterances of your impor- have entered the war, but the world's throes are peace at any price tant, thinking men have done much to influence of her expressed disapp

men. The peace at any price man never has aroused the highest feelings of respect.

"And we have been informed of the activities of the German agitators in leave the situation.

"If no voice but that of your Government had been heard upon this side of the Allies would have been powerful.

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dure must astonish us, as do certain unchanged. other details of your Government's "There must be al course. America has posed, and very German government justifiably has posed, as the champion she will be a safe person of the rights of weaker nations, as the at least provide person evangelist of the boliness of treaties, stole Ministry. While yet when Germany has torn the second the cortrol of an entirely to bits and trainpled on the first Amer- tem there is not the sigh ica has made no protest. I find this "I wish I knew if the

not only professed but felt toward the act in stern abhorrence of the devasta. the last disaster.

United States. "That is the great hope nited States. tion of weak Belgium. It seems to "That is the great hope of "Mr. Woodrow Wilson, your present me that if the spirit, which I found in but they have been so do

"I have said that I knew the men as I did in behalf of a friendly country carrying through those things which placed as you were placed.

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"It is my belief that President Wil. revolt against the slave

the stranger as the Five Points ever was; when thugs lay in wait for the sallors coming from or going to their boarding houses, so thick there as to be sallors as the place almost as unsafe for the stranger as the Five Points ever was; when thugs lay in wait for the sallors coming from or going to their that of his associates to pipe the boarding houses, so thick there as to be lighted by of hogsheads. Not less than 216 hogs. The Harpers firm was famous and backet in New York to be lighted by of hogsheads. Not less than 216 hogs. The Harpers firm was famous and backet in New York the booths of merchants that had cluttered fellow actually did come to him and the boarding houses, so thick there as to be sallored in Action 19 heads have been taken from the pump fellow actually did come to him and the boarding houses, so thick there as to be sallored in Action 19 heads have been taken from the pump fellow actually did come to him and the boarding houses, so thick there as to be sallored by of hogsheads. Not less than 216 hogs.

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John was proud of his skill as a in the public squares. Also he started was a stately mansion in the half Washington, the first Chief Executive and invited the people to come and lished the first Presidential Mansion the country knew. On the northeast side of the square, placed on an abutside of the square, placed on as but spectators remained outside looking and put 250 sweepers at work keeping tablet which tells that it stands over tablet which the form the form the form the form the form the form tablet which tells that it stands over the spot upon which was Washington's first Presidential home. No. 3 paltal for those day, was built by Malter Franklin, a wealthy merchant of the city.

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altered it to Franklin Square, reciting and the characters for his inimitable street at 27 still stands the house in sketches and gathering the material der the tutelage of Alexander T. that the change was made "as a testimony of the high respect entertained
by the board for the literary and
philosophical character of the late Dr.
Benjamin Franklin."

which was made the first American
flag in its present style. Up to the
year 1818 it had been the custom to
add a stripe to the original thirteen
guiring the material
for his imperishable "Knickerbocker's
History of New York."

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goods merchant. The firm remained
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guiring the familiarity with sea, lake and a star for each newly admitted and shore which he turned to such then nor to the last year of their lives With the elegance that Washington State. The flag thus became mis- good account in his nautical and his was the tie of brotherhood and affecloyed, and his wife no less, the place was made ready for the President's shapen and Capt. Samuel C. Reid, the pioneer stories; William Cullen Bryant of business. One day somebody asked was still a boy preparing for college, lower the addest which was the was made ready for the President's occupancy, and thither he was escorted with all ceremony upon his arrival in this city. It is related that he gave an informal dinner on the first Thursday evening, at which were present Vice-President Adams, Gov. Clinter, John Jay, Chief Justice of the making a new flag. When it was finding from the president was still a boy preparing for college, the desired to the president of the many one of the president was still a boy preparing for college, the desired to the president of the many one of the president was still a boy preparing for college, the desired to the president of the many one of the president was still a boy preparing for college, the college of business. One day somebody asked James, the eldest, which was the field for each new State. His resident of the president of the presid

Ralph Izard, William Few and Paine Two blocks west of the Harpers Wingate.

There being no clergyman present.

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ception every Friday evening from s lish clergyman who stayed a while in motives and into the very heart of much any one of the others drew from

Franklin Square in 1855. From an old print.

was worked by hand, being pracat the stage of development where Benjamin Franklin had left it, and the labor was hard, needing all

The first Presidential man-

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by George Washington.

with him from his healthy farm life. wick in New York politics, worked in grew too feeble. board could be got for as little as \$14 | rear of their present great plant.

wandering through the picturesque and last of the brothers, added him-suburbs of Manhaitan studying scenes self to the firm, having completed his Just a short distance down Cherry and the characters for his inimitable education in the Roosevelt school un-

Gen. Arthur St. Clair, Speaker Mun-lenberg and Senators John Langdon, where it waved over the Ralph Land William Few and Paine.

Harper, then a youth of 16 years, de-termined to go to the city and seek his fortune in the printing business. father, Joseph, upon his farm in Newseparate financial accounts were kept
town. The country village on Long between the brothers. It seems alof Manhattan; no trolley cars whirled each took from the cash on hand what coolly hunting about the counting I offered to let them coal from barges paved streets, through Brooklyn and and the remainder was a common fund side, as it was unsafe in there.

while the Franklin house became the companied him, a curious but yet not prenticed to Paul & Thomas, printers, became engaged. He was the foremen would pay on the dollar. Wesley city, something more than mere The enterprising city developed a printing press at which he was put company, which took part in the (Continued on Seventh Page.)

Thurlow Weed, afterward a War- animal continued this practice until he

hide to good effect upon the other lad's tailor-made garment, saying:

"There. Some day when I am out grog shops that were a scandal within a week after his inauguration."

"There is the description of the Lusiania."

"The leave the network of the Allies which he has brought forward and that some of them have or even authorized to consider the senting of the activity of your curately the inactivity of your cura

Camphene was used to clean the ink rollers. A plumber who was making "But they did not pass." "When they wanted coal I raised a

gatherings. Indeed it was not long the sleep many in the city were competitive many in the city will take it may be competitive many in the city will take it may be competitive many in the city will take it may be competitive many in the city will take it may be competitive many in the city will take it may be competitive many in the city will take it may be competitive many in the city will take it may be competitive many in the city will take it may be competitive many in the city will take it may be competit plaining of the President's lady, for gentleman to kiss the lady who ac- it was December, and the boy was ap-